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In the news

A case of shrinkage

The Philadelphia Inquirer and Daily News will shrink the size of their news pages to save money starting in November, according to a memo sent to employees this week. The dailies will reduce the width of their pages from 48 inches to 44 inches. The changes will force editorial staffers to be "much more judicious" with story lengths and require some design changes, according to jimromenesko.com.

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▶ Welcome to our city.

SEPTA increases service for Jay Z concert

PHILADELPHIA. SEPTA will ramp up service for next weekend's Made in America concert on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, which is expected to draw 50,000 people.

The Broad Street Subway, Market Frankford El and Norristown High Speed Line will all operate additional trains before, during and after the paid event being headlined by Jay-Z and Pearl Jam. Due to the expected crowd, city officials are encouraging concert-goers to take public transportation.

In addition to the Parkway performances, SEPTA will also have extra service for the Sept. 2 Bruce Springsteen concert and the fireworks at Penn's Landing on Aug. 31.

Regional Rail service will run on a normal weekend schedule and details on bus detours will be announced next week, the agency said. **METRO/SDL**

Woman charged in antifreeze poisoning

PHILADELPHIA. A Camden County woman has been charged with murder for allegedly poisoning her husband's grandmother with antifreeze. The victim, 88-year-old Mary Groatman, died Thursday after being removed from life support. Prosecutors allege the suspect served as caregiver for her husband's grandmother. Groatman was recently moved to a rehab facility after suffering a fall. The suspect allegedly "caused her to ingest antifreeze" during a visit. **METRO**

Gun permits brouhaha could end up in court

Lawyer promises class-action lawsuit against city for releasing info on people appealing for gun permits

As the city moves to implement an open data policy, the Department of Licenses and Inspections became the first to open its information floodgates in a much-lauded step toward transparency and good government.

The data released last week in a searchable web map included details of code violations, variances, permits — and the names and addresses of every Philadelphian who appealed to have their gun licenses reinstated in the last 730 days. The last data set ignited a firestorm of controversy and was removed two days after its release.

A Berks County lawyer is now gathering plaintiffs for a class-action suit against the city, claiming the disclosure was illegal under state law.

"It places those people in jeopardy because it disclosed where people who own firearms live to people who may have political motives contrary to that individual," attorney Joshua Prince said Thursday. "If someone is not in favor of firearm ownership or licenses to carry firearms, they were provided the name and addresses of all individuals who were appealing and could have used that to cause them harm."

Quoted

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Executive director of anti-gun violence coalition Cease-Fire PA Max Nacheman, who called Prince's remarks "outrageous and absurd," said Thursday, "Those people advocating for extreme gun rights make the case that guns are just another item [to buy]. I agree. Based on that situation, they ought to have the same open record opportunities as any other permit you apply for."

Mayor Michael Nutter's press secretary Mark McDonald last week conceded that the information's release sparked "public safety concerns," but asserted that while gun permit applications are confidential, appeals are not.

He said discussion is underway whether the information will be re-released in some form.

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What's the appeal?

The information was taken down after a Philadelphia magazine blog posted a list detailing some people who offered more humorous grounds for appeal. Gun rights blogs and message boards seized on the post, decrying it as an example of privacy infringement targeted at firearm owners. Ironically, the only outlets where that information can now be found is those that most vehemently opposed its release – many of them copied the PhillyMag list.

Law. Voter ID

▶ The American Civil Liberties Union and 10 voters are challenging a rule that voters show approved photo identification at the polls.

METRO FILE PHOTO

High court to hear controversial law

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court agreed to hear an appeal in a case challenging the state's voter identification law. A lower-court judge ruled last week that the plaintiffs didn't prove voters would be disenfranchised by the law. Pennsylvania, one of nine states that passed strict laws requiring a photo ID to vote, has become a test case in the voter-eligibility debate.
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Cops ID alleged cop killer

SOUTHWEST PHILADELPHIA. Police have identified the alleged gunman in the death of city police Officer Moses Walker Jr. last Saturday. Police and U.S. Marshals took 23-year-old Rafael Jones into custody on a bench warrant after he failed to report to his probation officer. After questioning Jones, Homicide Capt. James Clark told reporters "We believe he is going to be our shooter." No charges have been filed against Jones, who has violated probation twice this year for a weapons conviction, electronic court records show. Investigators said they identified a second suspect in Walker's murder, but have not taken him into custody. **METRO**

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America's obsession with celebrity exposed

Prankster in New York City caused a huge crowd just by pretending near Times Square Gathering showed how 'obsessed with celebrity' American culture is

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▶ Cohen, a Long Island native, was set to appear on "Good Morning America."

Judging from the crowd of frenzied fans surrounding Brett Cohen in New York City's Times Square late last month, you'd assume he was the star of Hollywood's latest blockbuster.

But the 21-year-old isn't an actor. Nor is he a musician, an athlete or a model — or anyone famous at all. He is simply a prankster — and on the night of July 27, he duped thousands of people into thinking he was a huge celebrity.

Cohen, a media management student at SUNY New Paltz and a Long Island native, planned the fake celebrity stunt with a group of friends just to see if they could pull it off.

They recruited two bodyguards with ads on Craigslist, planted paparazzi-style photographers and personal assistants. Cohen, though, had to make sure he looked the part. He donned a collared shirt, jeans, tinted sunglasses and spiked hair.

"I was going for a Tom Cruise kind of look," Cohen, who posted the video online this week told Metro Thursday.

He entered NBC on 50th Street and exited at 49th Street to a small crowd of people who gathered after his "assistants" told them a big celebrity was about to exit. Cohen said his crew did not plant any fans and all the reactions seen in the video are real. His "assistants" were instructed not to tell people anything about him or why he was famous. Cohen estimates he posed for about 300 photos that night. He said the crowd was a mix of tourists and New Yorkers.

"People are so obsessed with fame. It's not a theory. It's a fact," he said. "It doesn't matter whether they are really famous or not — people want to take a picture and they will put it on Twitter and Instagram in the hopes that their friends will know who it is."

See it online

Cohen and his crew videotaped the entire event and Metro posted it Thursday. To see the full faux affair, go to Metro.us and search for "Brett Cohen."

Quoted

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COHEN

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'Best day of my life,' fans said

Cohen's co-producer, Edward Sturm, was part of a camera crew interviewing fans in the crowd. Some people said they recognized Cohen from "Spider-Man." Others said they'd heard his music and thought he had a bright future. In one group of excited teenaged fans, a girl can be heard saying, "This is the best day of my life! I love him!"

"I think it's ridiculous," Cohen laughed. "It makes a point about culture and how people are so obsessed with celebrity."

The prank continued for several blocks until one of Cohen's bodyguards ushered the crew into a hotel bar. The crowd eventually dissipated.

At the end of the video, Cohen is seen walking to the subway as if nothing had happened.

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Rodney King drowned in drug, alcohol delirium

Rodney King was in a drug- and alcohol-induced "delirium" when he accidentally drowned in his pool, coroners ruled on Thursday.

The final autopsy report was issued by medical examiners in San Bernardino County two months after King, 47, was found submerged at the deep end of a swimming pool at his home in Rialto, a suburb about 50 miles east of Los Angeles.

The death was ruled an accidental drowning, and listed "alcohol and multiple drug toxicity" as contributing causes, Rialto police Captain Randy De Anda told Reuters.

He said coroners found cocaine, PCP and marijuana in King's body.

"Our investigation is now concluded," De Anda said. "The conclusions that our investigation revealed have been reinforced by the autopsy and toxicology report."

The findings of the autopsy and other postmortem studies performed by medical examiners "indicated he was in a state of drug- and alcohol-induced delirium at the time of this terminal event," he said, quoting from the report.

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▶ Police were called to King's home on June 17 by his fiance, Cynthia Kelly, who told authorities she was awakened by a noise to find him at the bottom of the pool.

"Alcohol and multiple drug toxicity."
RIALTO POLICE CAPTAIN RANDY DE ANDA TOLD REUTERS OF CONTRIBUTING CAUSES

The coroners concluded that King fell or jumped into his backyard pool, he added.

He said medical examiners listed abrasions and other signs of "minor trauma" consistent with someone drowning or being pulled out of a swimming pool. **REUTERS**

News in brief

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▶ Bin Laden's compound

US surprised by Navy SEAL's book on bin Laden raid

WASHINGTON. The U.S. government was surprised by the news that a Navy SEAL who participated in the raid on Osama bin Laden's compound in Pakistan has written a book about the operation in which the al Qaeda leader was killed, U.S. officials said on Thursday.

"No Easy Day: The Firsthand Account of the Mission that Killed Osama Bin Laden" was written by a Navy SEAL under the pseudonym Mark Owen with co-author Kevin Maurer and is to be released next month on the anniversary of the attacks on Sept. 11, 2011.

It was not vetted by government agencies to ensure that no secrets were revealed. **REUTERS**

New Hampshire candidate backs down on threats

BOSTON. A Republican candidate in New Hampshire backed down from a suggestion he would use "deadly force" to stop doctors from performing abortions, saying he "let his imagination get out of control."

Frank Szabo, who is running for sheriff in Hillsborough County, caused a uproar with his threats to crack down on legal abortion with arrests, prosecution and actions aimed at doctors.

"Deadly force is always a last resort," Szabo said in a TV interview on Wednesday. "Why would anyone object to the use of deadly force to prevent the murder of an unborn human?" **REUTERS**

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Broad & South
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52nd & Haverford
52nd St. and Haverford Ave., 1–5pm

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43rd St. and Baltimore Ave., 10am–2pm

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WEEKEND

ROCK THE VETO

- The Silversun Pickups and Tom Morello are not the only ones raging against the politicians
- A look at the history of songwriters who have forbidden candidates from using their tunes

The past week and a half has seen a number of musicians publicly complaining about their involuntary association with politicians. Responses have been uniformly biting and mostly funny. Last Wednesday, the Silversun Pickups issued a statement to the Romney campaign about the inappropriate use of their song "Panic Switch."

"We don't like people going behind our backs, using our music without asking, and we don't like the Romney campaign," wrote singer Brian Aubert. "We're nice, approachable people. We won't bite. Unless you're Mitt Romney!"

Last Thursday, Tom Morello of Rage Against the Machine wrote an open letter via Rolling Stone to Romney's running mate Paul Ryan, who said Rage was one of his favorite bands.

"Paul Ryan's love of Rage Against the Machine is amusing," wrote Morello, "because he is the embodiment of the machine that our music has been raging against for two decades."

And just this Tuesday, Dee Snider of Twisted Sister asked Ryan to stop playing his band's "We're Not Gonna Take It."

"There is almost nothing on which I agree with Paul Ryan," Snider told a Talking Points Memo reporter, "except perhaps the use of the P90X."

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We're not gonna take it

Musicians who deny candidates from using their music is not a new thing.

In the 1964 presidential campaign, Republican candidate Barry Goldwater wanted to use "Hello Dolly" and change the words to "Hello Barry." Upon learning that the song was being appropriated for rallies, the show's producer, David Merrick, an outspoken Democrat, reportedly approached the campaign and said they were violating copyright law. Word got out to the campaign of Goldwater's opponent, Lyndon Johnson, and they tapped Carol Channing, who was playing the lead in "Dolly," to record "Hello Lyndon." No one complained.

In 1984, when Ronald Reagan mentioned Bruce Springsteen in a speech, the musician was very quick to publicly distance himself from the president.

In 1988, when George Bush ran for president, he used Bobby McFerrin's hit "Don't Worry, Be Happy," and quickly received a cease and desist.

In 1996, Bob Dole tried to pull a "Hello Dolly" and turn Sam and Dave's "Soul Man" into "Dole Man." The publisher of the song threatened to sue.

Tom Petty sent George W. Bush a cease and desist order for using "I Won't Back Down" in his campaign in 2000. Petty later performed the song at the house of Al Gore after he gave his concession speech when Bush was determined the winner of the election.

In 2008, John McCain's music choices seemed humorously self-aware, employing ABBA's "Take a Chance on Me" and Jackson Browne's "Running on Empty." But the musicians weren't exactly in on the joke, and in the only instance of a presidential candidate being sued by a musician, a California District Court ruled in favor of Browne, forcing McCain to pay up. McCain also unsuccessfully tried to use songs by Heart, Foo Fighters, Van Halen and John Mellencamp.

Republicans aren't the only ones to get in trouble for their music choices. In 2008, when Barack Obama used Sam and Dave's soul classic, "Hold On, I'm Coming" at appearances, singer Sam Moore (he who also objected to the use of "Dole Man") asked Obama to stop. The singer didn't endorse Obama, but said, "It is thrilling, in my lifetime, to see that our country has matured to the place where it is no longer an impossibility for a man of color to really be considered as a legitimate candidate for the highest office."

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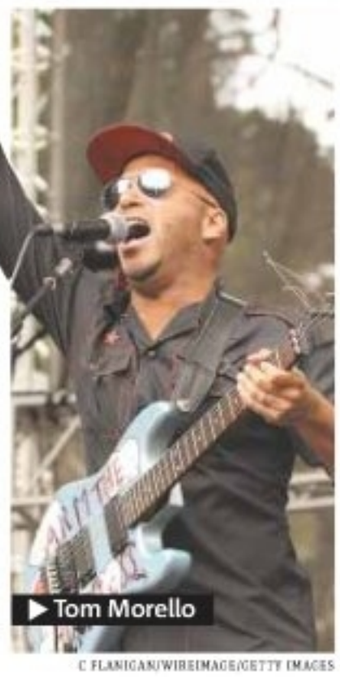
▶ Silversun Pickups pulled the panic switch when they heard who was using their "Panic Switch."



▶ Tom Morello

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Laughable irony

▶ The Dropkick Murphys

Leave the Murphys alone

The Dropkick Murphys issued a cease and desist to Wisconsin senatorial candidate Jeff Fitzgerald, a Republican who walked onstage at a convention in May to "I'm Shipping Up to Boston."

On their Facebook site, the Dropkicks wrote that given their pro-Union stance, "the irony of this is laughable" and compared it to a white supremacist walking onstage to a gangsta rap song.

Dropkicks drummer Matt Kelly tells Metro it would take a lot for the group to allow the use of one of their songs in a campaign.

"It's not a lot of times we are behind a particular person. A lot of times we are all *against* a particular person," he says. "I think a lot of times it's that people feel like they need to get on a soapbox. ... I'd rather nobody [used our songs] — whether it's someone who I agree with or not, who I supported or not."

Q&A

King Tuff

King Tuff makes anthemic music, but politicians probably won't approach somebody with a song called "Alone and Stoned." We find out what might happen anyway.

Would you ever let a politician use one of your songs?
Of course!

JESSE SPEARS

▶ King Tuff

Would you have to support the candidate in order for him or her to use one of your songs?
Nope! "Keep on Movin'" or "Baby Just Break" would be good campaign songs. "Losers Wall" would not be a wise choice.

Regardless of issues, if the candidate offered you money, would you allow song use?
Obviously!

How much would it take?
$69 million.

Q&A

Would you ever allow your music to be used by a politician?

▶ **Alex Scally of Beach House:** I guess we'd have to wait until

we were asked to know. My guess is no. I mean, I would obviously support Obama over Romney, but it's not like Obama's not total crap too. The state of politics in America is just awful, so I don't know. Probably not, but maybe.

▶ **Heems of Das Racist:** If it was a right-wing candidate, like if it was a Republican, we'd ask for a giant amount of money, probably like $10 million. If it was like a cornball, but slightly less bad candidate like Obama or whoever .... we'd ask for probably $1 million.

WHAT A 'RUSH'

Joseph Gordon-Levitt and co-star Dania Ramirez biked through NYC in their new action movie It's like 'Quicksilver' without Kevin Bacon

Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Dania Ramirez got a hell of a workout and a detailed tour of New York City making "Premium Rush," in which they play fast-moving bike messengers. Metro sat down with the stars to talk about filming in the city and how dangerous even pretending to be a bike messenger can be — and to nitpick some geographical inconsistencies in the film.

Joe, you actually went through a cab's windshield while filming. Were there other particularly close calls or dangerous moments for either of you?

Dania Ramirez: There was one time where I had to do a take where I had to jump the curb to get back on the sidewalk, and this UPS truck just decided to pull out of nowhere right in front of me, and I had to turn my bike and skid and the whole nine. Every single day we filmed the movie, it was always in the back of my mind: "I hope I don't fall today." Because I fell so many times. [Laughs]

It can be tricky making a movie in New York, worrying about continuity issues when you turn corners.

Joseph Gordon-Levitt: Actually, the movie's really good about that. It's pretty ... I'm trying to think if there were any.

Well, the 1 train doesn't actually go above ground south of Columbia University.

JGL: And he would be going south. That's right, that's right. We did. You're totally right. We shot that chase scene up in, like, the high 130s. But it looked awesome. I guess I wasn't worried about that. I just got done shooting a movie where Gotham City is made up of L.A., Pittsburgh, New York and parts of outside London. So to me, if it's seamless in the movie it doesn't really bother me.

How was the experience of shooting on campus at Columbia, your alma mater?

JGL: It was a trip, man, because we shot in 2010, which is basically exactly 10 years after I arrived as a freshman and was living in John Jay, so yeah. It's just a bizarre thing to make it back 10 years later. It was the first time I had shot on campus.

Have either of you seen the 1986 Kevin Bacon film "Quicksilver" before?

DR: I've had so many people come up to me and tell me about it.

JGL: Especially people who are into bikes, I've found. "Oh, so you're doing 'Quicksilver.'" It's like, I guess I've got to see this movie. S—, sorry. I still haven't watched it.

DR: At this point I kind of don't even want to. [Laughs]

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▶ Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Dania Ramirez had no shortage of bruises after shooting their stunt-heavy scenes in "Premium Rush."

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"Every single day we filmed the movie, it was always in the back of my mind: 'I hope I don't fall today.'"
DANIA RAMIREZ

Q&A

In what parts of NYC were you particularly excited to film?

DR: I was looking forward to riding around Chinatown. I just think on film it's so interesting to watch that part of the city.

JGL: I liked shooting uptown, actually, even if it might be a little inconsistent. [laughs] That part of town is maybe a little lesser known, and it is so pretty — maybe not pretty in the sense of peaceful or whatever, but it's a really visually striking part of town with the train up there. And it's a part of town that I spent a fair amount of time in because I went to school up there and lived in Harlem for a year and a half.

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TV watch list

CREDIT: MICHAEL DESMOND/THE CW

▶ College girls try out to be "America's Next Top Model."

'America's Next Top Model: College Edition'

REALITY. Tyra Banks, who earned a diploma from Harvard University's Executive Education Owner/President Manager Program, wants to prove brainy is beautiful when a new cast of model wannabes — all of whom have pursued some form of higher education — compete on the catwalk. Another twist for Cycle 19: Viewers get to vote on the photo shoots. **Season premiere, Friday, 8 p.m., The CW**

'True Blood'

DRAMA. Don't worry, "True Blood" fans — if your favorite character gets killed off in Sunday's finale, he/she can always return as a vampire, ghost or witchy vision next season. **Season finale, Sunday, 9 p.m., HBO**

'Haunted High'

MOVIE. Your Saturday night just got a lot schlockier: Danny Trejo plays the janitor at a private school haunted by a dead headmaster. Charisma Carpenter also stars — as the school's sexy librarian, natch. **Saturday, 9 p.m., Syfy** AMBER RAY

Fishing for ingenuity

ANIMAL PLANET/PETER HUTCHENS

▶ Showtime Eric Young fishes from a jet ski and other unconventional watercraft on "Off the Hook: Extreme Catches," airing Sundays at 8 p.m. on Animal Planet.

While shooting Animal Planet's new fishing show "Off the Hook: Extreme Catches," host Showtime Eric Young asked numerous times, "Can I die doing this?"

"Some of this stuff is super dangerous," says Young, and he's not kidding — from catching sharks atop a paddleboard to scuba spearfishing under the oil rigs in the Gulf Coast, the adventures documented in this series aren't your average weekend on the water. We spoke to Young, whose day job is another kind of extreme — he's a pro wrestler in the TNA Impact Wrestling league — about answering this show's, well, call of the wild.

The idea behind this show almost seems to be: What are the most difficult fish to catch, and then how can we make catching them even crazier?

It's American ingenuity. Someone described it as "River Monsters" meets "Dirtiest Jobs." It's crazy, inventive ways to catch crazy kinds of fish. In the first episode ... we were catching sharks with pantyhose [stuffed with bait] — kind of an ingenious way of doing it.

Before this show, were you the kind of guy who'd go fishing every free moment you got?

I used to when I was a kid; my dad got me into it. But then I got into pro wrestling, and that basically consumed all of my time. I'm way better fishing now with 10 episodes under my belt. I'm relatively knowledgeable about safety and just fishing in general now. The reality is, nobody fishes like this. It's crazy stuff.

How do you balance showing the adrenaline vs. downtime that is inherent in fishing?

That's what fishing is. It can be hours of monotony, sprinkled with seconds to minutes of pure adrenaline. You get out on the boat, you get your bait in the water, and then you just relax. You can sip on a few beers, and then bam! Now you're getting a bite, and now it's full adrenaline. That's a big appeal for a lot of guys — especially catching big stuff, like shark and sailfish. But it can be a lot of waiting. It's a saying that we heard a lot: "It's called fishing, not catching." No doubt about that. AMBER RAY

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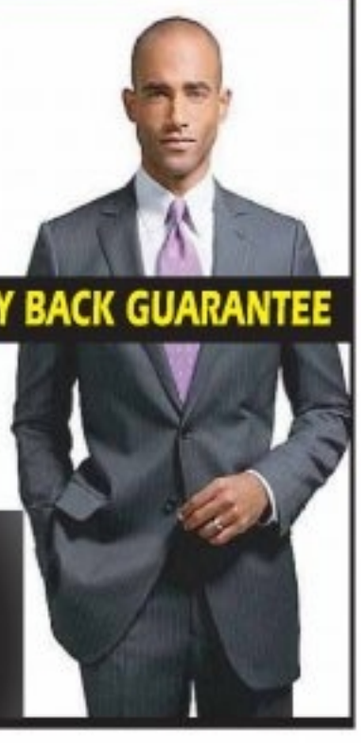

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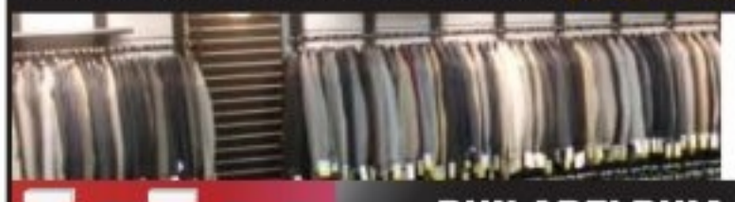

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Interview

Rashida Jones takes control

"Parks and Recreation" star Rashida Jones has found the secret to landing a juicy, complex leading role: write it yourself. Her first stab at screenwriting — with partner Will McCormack — is "Celeste and Jesse Forever," a funny and realistic look at former high school sweethearts (Jones and Andy Samberg) who hit their 30s and decide to split up.

SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

▶ Rashida Jones wears the co-writing, producing and acting hats on "Celeste and Jesse Forever."

Was it ever difficult to balance being both an actress and co-writer on this project?
I would say really the only time it came into play was the three years of trying to get the movie made. Being an executive producer and a co-writer and knowing it was such a great part for me to be able to play, it was hard to keep taking the blows of the thing getting set up and then the thing crumbling. It was tough, but once I got on set, for me my only challenge that I wanted to tackle was doing a good job in the role and carrying the film, so I had to really shut all the other stuff down, you know?

Why do you think it's so difficult for movies like this to get made?
There's a whole bunch of factors, and one of them is just the state of the industry, unfortunately. The movie industry isn't special — the middle class is disappearing, and it's happening in movies, too. These films that they used to make for $10 million or $20 million, where the financial stakes weren't as high, they're disappearing. They're not as willing to spend money on that. They want to spend money on franchise movies or things that they know the kids are going to see on the weekends — that sounded like such an old person, but you know what I mean.

"The middle class is disappearing, and it's happening in movies, too."
JONES, ON GETTING AN INDEPENDENT FILM MADE

Do you see yourself doing more projects like this going forward?
I'm not sure if I want to begin a movie anytime soon. It was a lot of responsibility. But I definitely want to write more, and I hope that I can continue to write things that feel realistic and maybe slightly innovative, maybe left of center. And Will and I are really excited to write something else.

Why did it take so long for someone to cast Elijah Wood as a gay best friend? Because he was great.
[Laughs] You know, I don't know. He's probably been busy doing lots of other really cool things.

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THE BOURNE LEGACY (PG-13) Fri and Sat 9:50, 12:45, 3:45, 6:50, 9:55. Digital Presentation; Sun 9:50-12:45-3:45-6:50-9:50. Digital Presentation
BRAVE (PG) 9:50, 2:40. Digital Presentation
BRAVE IN DISNEY DIGITAL 3D (PG) 12:20, 5:05. RealD 3D
THE DARK KNIGHT RISES (PG-13) 11:15, 2:45, 4:30, 6:15, 8:30, 9:45. Digital Presentation
THE EXPENDABLES 2 (R) Fri and Sat 10:00, 11:00, 12:30, 1:30, 3:15, 4:00, 5:45, 6:45, 8:20, 9:15, 10:45. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:00-11:00-12:30-1:30-3:15-4:00-5:45-8:20. Digital Presentation
HIT & RUN (R) 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30. Digital Presentation
MOONRISE KINGDOM (PG-13) 11:30, 2:00.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
THE ODD LIFE OF TIMOTHY GREEN (PG) Fri and Sat 10:15, 12:50, 3:20, 5:50, 8:20, 10:45. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; Sun 10:15-12:50-3:20-5:50-8:10-10:30. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
PREMIUM RUSH (PG-13) Fri and Sat 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:30-1:00-3:30-5:45-8:15-10:25. Digital Presentation
SPARKLE (PG-13) Fri and Sat 10:05, 11:10, 1:10, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 7:50, 9:50, 10:40. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:05-11:10-1:10-2:00-4:00-5:00-6:45-7:50-9:30-10:40. Digital Presentation
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THE CAMPAIGN (R) Fri 1:40, 4:00, 6:10, 8:20, 10:30. Digital Presentation; Sat 11:20-1:40-4:00-6:10-8:20-10:30. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:20-1:40-4:00-6:10-8:15. Digital Presentation
DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: DOG DAYS (PG) Fri 12:50, 3:10, 5:30. Digital Presentation; Sat and Sun 10:30-12:50-3:10-5:30. Digital Presentation
THE EXPENDABLES 2 (R) Fri 12:30, 2:55, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10; Sat 10:10-12:30-2:55-5:20-7:45-10:10.; Sun 10:10-12:30-2:55-5:20-7:45.
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THE ODD LIFE OF TIMOTHY GREEN (PG) Fri 1:30, 4:10, 7:30, 10:00. Digital Presentation; Sat 11:00-1:30-4:10-7:30-10:00. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:00-1:30-4:10-7:30. Digital Presentation
PARANORMAN (PG) 12:15, 4:45. Digital Presentation
PARANORMAN 3D (PG) Fri 2:30, 7:00, 9:15. RealD 3D; Sat 10:00-2:30-7:00-9:15. RealD 3D; Sun 10:00-2:30-7:00. RealD 3D
PREMIUM RUSH (PG-13) Fri 1:00, 3:20, 5:45, 8:05, 10:20; Sat 10:45-1:00-3:20-5:45-8:05-10:20.; Sun 10:45-1:00-3:20-5:45-8:05.
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PARANORMAN 3D (PG) 2:15, 6:45

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THE CAMPAIGN (R) Fri 4:00, 6:10, 8:15, 10:20. DLP-Digital Projection; Sat 1:30-4:00-6:10-8:15-10:20. DLP-Digital Projection; Sun 1:30-4:00-6:10-8:15. DLP-Digital Projection

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THE CAMPAIGN (R) 12:35, 3:05, 5:40, 8:05, 10:25
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THE EXPENDABLES 2 (R) 11:30, 1:30, 2:05, 4:10, 4:50, 7:00, 7:40, 9:40, 10:30
HIT & RUN (R) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:10, 10:40
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ICE AGE: CONTINENTAL DRIFT (PG) 1:15, 3:50, 6:50, 9:30
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PREMIUM RUSH (PG-13) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
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SPARKLE (PG-13) 12:40, 3:55, 7:05, 9:50
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THE INTOUCHABLES (R) 1:05, 3:50, 6:40, 9:40
PARANORMAN (PG) 1:10, 3:40, 6:50, 9:20. OC-Open Caption
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'Hit and Run'

Grade: ●●○○○

Dax Shepard stars as an ex-getaway driver who leaves behind the safety of witness protection to accompany his girlfriend (Kristen Bell) on a job interview to Los Angeles. Unfortunately, as he hits the road so does his former partner in crime (Bradley Cooper). Shepard and Bell are a couple in real life, and the chemistry between them shows. When it's just the two of them onscreen, "Hit and Run" has the makings of a fun, romantic action-adventure. Unfortunately the movie is also populated by peripheral characters with the combined charm of a slap (stick) to the face. ● RICHARD CROUSE

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▶ Real-life and onscreen couple Dax Shepard and Kristen Bell helm the team behind "Hit and Run."

'Premium Rush'

Grade: ●●○○○

"Premium Rush" is like a BMX race with a plot line. Bikes dart in and out of traffic, defy the laws of gravity and spin on one wheel, which is all cool, except that it overshadows the characters. Only Michael Shannon as the out-of-control cop is memorable enough to rise above the bike stunts and skinned elbows.

It doesn't seem meant to be taken seriously as a thriller. Any cop who would say, "I forgot to bring my bullets. I'll meet you there," to his cop buddies isn't trying to be Detective Sergeant Joe Friday. He's a wild, bug-eyed caricature of a man on the edge and the second-most entertaining thing in the flick (next to the bikes). There isn't much of substance here, but it is a fun ride. ● METRO/RC

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'The Apparition'
Ashley Greene and Tom Feltondevelop their post-"Twilight" and post-"Potter" careers with this spookfest about students who try to prove that the human brain is responsible for conjuring ghosts. ● METRO

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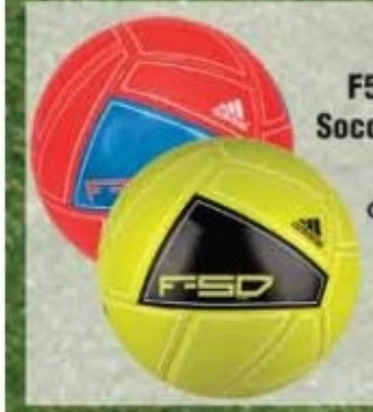

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Restore that ol' American pride

RE: "DONE ANYTHING FOR YOUR COUNTRY LATELY?" (METRO, AUG. 21) This is in response to the letter from John McLaughlin regarding the difference between the way Republicans and many Democrats think. I could not agree more! Way too many people out there have this false sense of entitlement, and we are the people that have to foot the bill for them. It's disgusting and something needs to change here, because it's only going to get worse. Thank you, John, for that letter.

LISA PAPARO, VIA E-MAIL

Akin's mouth showed true colors

RE: "AKINS WRONG DOESN'T REPRESENT THE RIGHT" (METRO, AUG. 22) In reply to Kevin Metz, the Akin gaffe was just that: a Republican expressing exactly how he really feels.

We know this from their policies/planks: no exceptions to abortion. They just re-affirmed it. This gives incentives to rapists and makes our daughters, wives and mothers cower. What kind of man will stand for this? Not me. It's lucky Akin is all the way over in Missouri.

PETE WALKER, PHILADELPHIA

'PC' has place in polite society

RE: "COURT DATE NEEDED TO ERADICATE 'PC'" (METRO, AUG. 22) It's a mistake for letter writer Marvin Finkelstein to think of political correctness as "an assault on free expression." It would be better to consider that the concept of political correctness evolved out of a desire to be more sensitive to people who have been discriminated against due to their race, sex, age, religion or sexual orientation.

JOHN FRANCIS FOX, VIA E-MAIL

All Republicans want to hurt you

I see Mr. Romney's banging on the deficit again — the deficit started by Reagan, amplified by Bush, cleared by Clinton, re-made by Bush 2 and inherited by Obama. He's trying to drown out the revulsion with his party's war against women's rights. These people are about one thing — exploitation. The half of America that can't see it had better wise up.

PAUL SIMONS, PHILADELPHIA

Maybe wheels have reason to squeak

RE: "GAYS HATE THOSE WHO OPPOSE THEIR RIGHTS!" (METRO, AUG. 23): The letter writers accuse gays of intolerance. I haven't heard any gays telling others they can't marry. When a gay couple gets married, they're minding their own business and living according to their religion. Those who oppose gay marriage are demonstrating intolerance and imposing their religion on others. Americans should not be attacking other Americans or imposing their religion on others.

The letter writers forgot history. When minorities tried to lead normal lives, or when a woman complained about abuse, they were the ones who were vilified.

HARRY THORN, PHILADELPHIA

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Horoscope

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** It behooves you to reassess your objectives in case you might be striving for something that's not worth the effort. Make sure that your priorities are in the right place.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Don't waste your time arguing with someone about an issue he or she isn't willing to budge on. It's likely to cause you a great deal of discomfort.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Untangle yourself from any mundane involvement with another that distracts you from your own interests. To succeed, be dedicated to your own goals.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Instead of relying on another for support, try to be self-sufficient. Even if this person's help is forthcoming, you might find that you're better off without it.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** In order to be successful, it's imperative that you have staying power. Guard against slackening your effort just when your objective is within reach.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Just because associates might not be totally in accord with your interests, it doesn't mean they dislike you. To see things clearly, don't let emotions dictate your reasoning.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Certain advantages that you presently possess might be lost or undermined if you exert too much pressure on cohorts. Know when to stop pushing and when to start pleasing.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Keep an open mind and give associates credit for being at least as smart as you. It's a mistake to discount their ideas and views just because they're different from yours.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Chances are you'll get better terms if you allow the other party to make the first proposal in a business deal. Associates are apt to treat you more generously than you anticipate.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** As long as companions are cooperative and making concessions, you'll be extremely congenial. Should they not want what you want, it'll be another story.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Provided you don't take on something that you're ill prepared to handle, the probability for fulfilling your ambitious objectives are good. Try to operate within known boundaries.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Unless you can rise above your emotions, think twice before attending a social gathering that will include some people you dislike. Trouble could result if you can't keep your cool.

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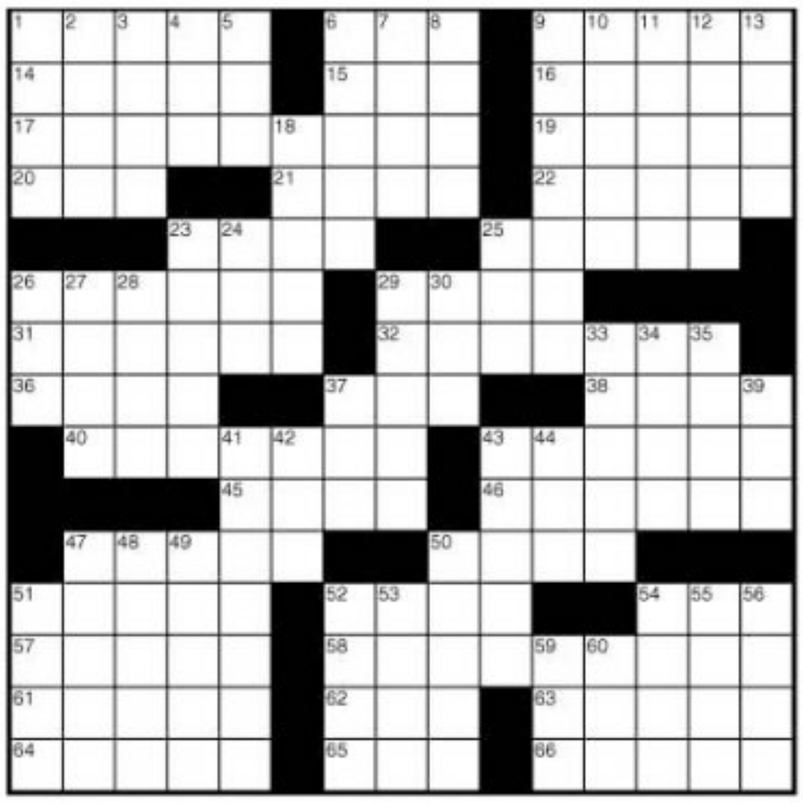

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Talking tax codes with Beanie Sigel

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▶ Beanie Sigel has some words for Uncle Sam.

On Sept. 12, **Beanie Sigel** is due to report to prison for a two-year stay for tax evasion. Even though the Philly rapper pleaded guilty to failing to pay around $350,000 on unreported income, he's not going quietly.

In fact, Sigel has a perfectly good explanation for not filing between 2003-2005: "The years that they charged me for failure to file taxes is years that I was incarcerated," he tells MTV of his previous stint for weapons and drug charges. "When you're incarcerated in a federal facility, you're not allowed to conduct any business at all."

That's a little like being late for work because your bartender was moving slow. But sure — we've been there. The thing is, Sigel doesn't really intend to pay up no matter where he's living. "You shouldn't be able to tax income," he says. "If I fix your roof and you wanna pay me in 20 pounds of bananas, do you think Uncle Sam wants 45 percent of my bananas? But because you're paying me $400,000 in currency he wants a part of that."

Beanie, whenever you make it out of prison, we fear you and your nonlogic have a career in politics.

Make this stop

As we mentioned on Thursday, **Avril Lavigne** is engaged to Nickelback frontman **Chad Kroeger**. But not just any old engaged — engaged with a gigantic ring.

"We helped Chad custom create Avril's dream ring: a platinum-set pear-shape diamond with half moons totaling 14 carats," designer Caryn Alpert tells People magazine, before having the nerve to add: "What a perfect pair/pear!"

That's right — Nickelback has sold enough albums to fund a 14-carat ring. Now, more than ever, we're disappointed in all of you.

▶ Satan will have the vegetarian option.

▶ Mini Snooks is on the way.

Get this girl some ice chips

The spawn of **Snooki** is due to arrive in just three short weeks. One thing the reality star is not doing to prepare? Lamaze classes.

"Lamaze is bulls—," she tells In Touch, setting off **Gwyneth Paltrow**'s yuppie eye twitch. "They teach you how to breathe. Are you really going to be worrying about how to breathe when you're having a baby? No! You're going to be screaming and throwing s—."

Talking points

Have no fear: Spears is getting married

Contrary to reports that **Britney Spears** might be getting cold feet, the singer is still very much planning to marry fiance **Justin Trawick**, according to People magazine. "There's no truth to any second thoughts about their wedding," a source says. Those rumors began cropping up when Spears was spotted recently without her engagement ring. But the absence was work-related, the source explains: "She was not wearing her ring last week because she took it off during an Elizabeth Arden [photo] shoot and Jason was holding it for her. He simply forgot to give it back until later."

A family affair for Angelina Jolie

It looks like **Angelina Jolie** is OK with her kids getting in on the act, as one of her children — 4-year-old daughter **Vivienne** — will get some screen time with mom. "Angelina Jolie's daughter will play a minor role as the child version of Princess Aurora opposite her mother in 'Maleficent,'" a statement from Disney confirms. **Elle Fanning** will play the older version of the princess.

▶ Jolie

Hayek angers her home country

▶ Hayek

Salma Hayek is drawing fire for comments in an interview with German Vogue that suggest she's lost touch with her Mexican roots. "Honestly, I hardly had any memories of what it is to be a Mexican woman," she tells the magazine when asked about filming "Traffic" 12 years ago. "My life is completely different now." Blog Guanabee.com took offense to that, writing, "What did Salma mean by basically saying she forgot what it's like? That she's too French and rich for our blood?"

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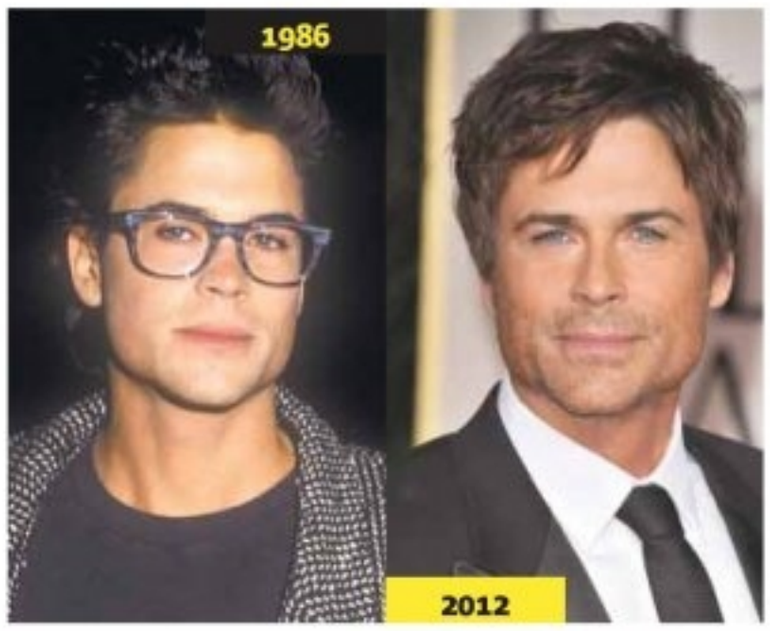

Time is on their side

Not all that much from the '80s stands the test of time. But these guys? Very welcome exceptions.

(Check back Monday for ladies who make the cut.) From left to right, top to bottom:

1 **Keanu Reeves** looked pretty good in 1987. But 2012 isn't treating the actor too badly, either.

2 **Rob Lowe** has aged startlingly little over two and a half decades. Although his hair has improved drastically.

3 Who could have guessed that **Neil Patrick Harris** of "Doogie Howser M.D." would have grown up to look like this? Diagnosis: Dreamboat.

4 Have mercy: **John Stamos** has actually gotten better looking since his "Full House" days as the awkwardly hot Uncle Jesse.

5 Department of Buying It: "Pretty in Pink" hottie **Andrew McCarthy** is still prom material.

6 Between 1985 and 2012, all **Tom Cruise** did was go shopping, apparently.

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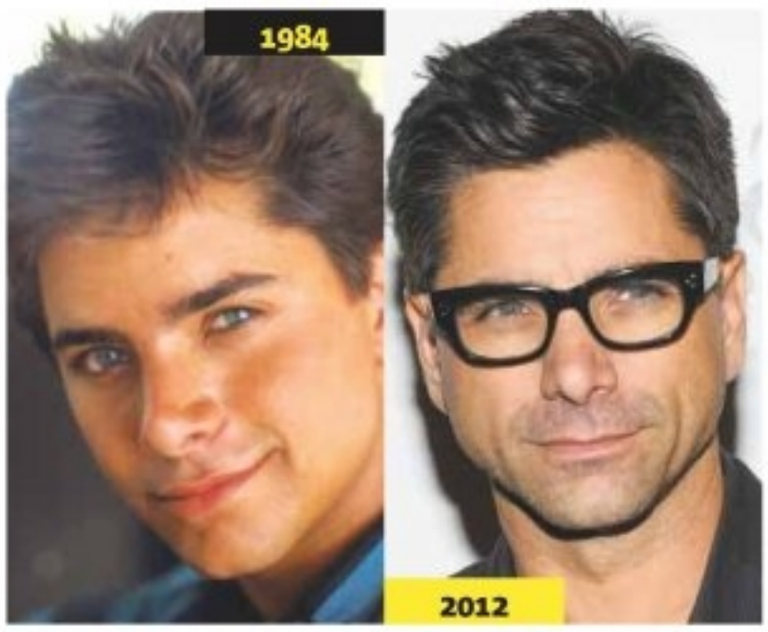

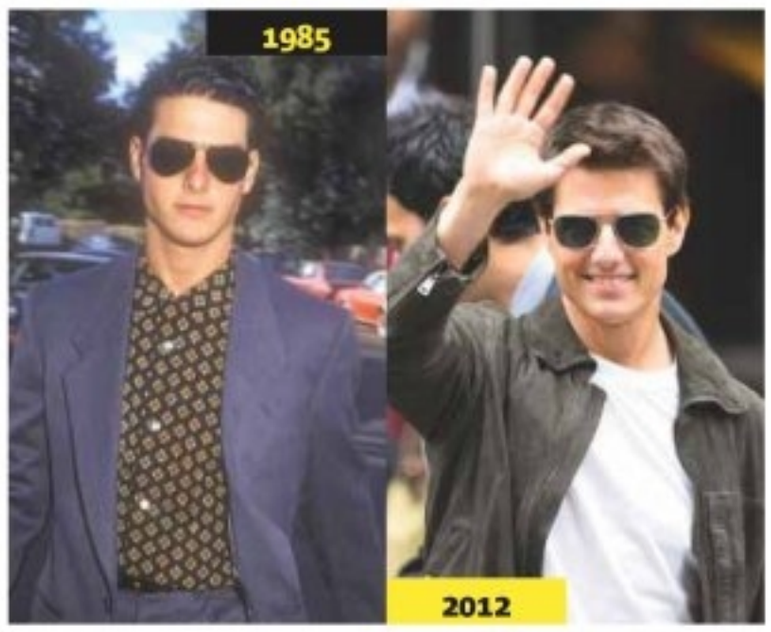

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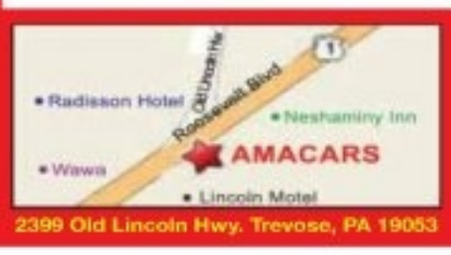

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Weekend recipe

Lobster and corn bruschetta

Many people savor the firm, sweet crunch of fresh corn on the cob as a complement to their summer barbecues or picnics — but corn ceviche? Yup, it exists. You'll find that and other creative dishes in Lisa Skye's new book, "I Love Corn."

"It's yellow, it's happy, it's great in the things I already knew it was great in like salads and salsas. But who knew there was corn ice cream?" says Skye about her motivation for writing the book.

To find these special dishes, Skye asked 50 renowned chefs, including bigwigs such as Daniel Bouloud and Martha Stewart, to provide their favorite ways to cook the star ingredient.

We say try one out at your next cookout — perhaps Choza Taqueria owner Dominic Giuliano's Lobster and Corn Bruschetta. Minds will be blown.

INGREDIENTS

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus additional for drizzling
2 medium-size ears fresh corn, kernels removed (1⅓ cups)
1 medium-size red pepper, seeded and diced
2 shallots, minced
1 tablespoon curry powder
⅓ cup heavy cream
2 tablespoons minced cilantro, plus for garnish
2 tablespoons minced scallions, white and green parts (about 4 scallions)
1 (1½-pound) lobster, cooked, cleaned, and diced into ¼-inch pieces
Salt and fresh black pepper
1 French baguette, cut into ½-inch slices
½ avocado, sliced very thinly

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 400°F.

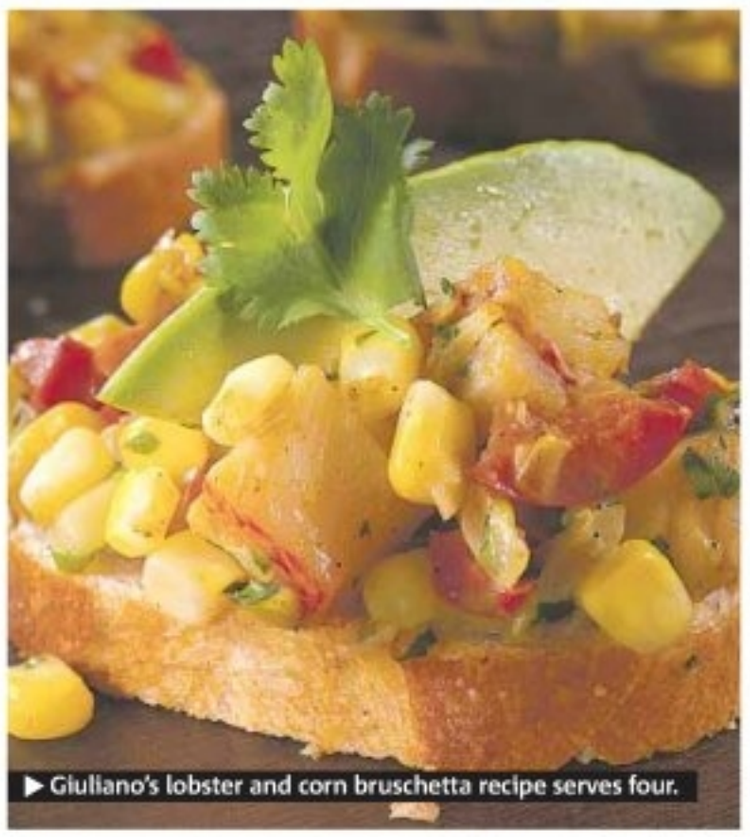
2. Heat the olive oil in a large saute pan over medium heat. Add the corn, red pepper and shallots. Cook until the shallots begin to appear translucent, three to four minutes.

3. Whisk the curry powder and heavy cream in a small bowl, then add to the corn mixture. Continue to cook until the consistency of the cream has thickened, about one minute. Add the cilantro, scallions and lobster. Season with salt and pepper.

4. Cook 10 minutes on low heat.

5. Place baguette slices on a baking sheet. Drizzle with olive oil and salt and pepper. Bake until slightly toasted, five to seven minutes.

6. Place a spoonful of lobster mixture over each of the toasted baguettes. Garnish with a small slice of avocado and a cilantro leaf. KILLIAN YOUNG



▶ Giuliano's lobster and corn bruschetta recipe serves four.

Giving back

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The fine art of indie rock

▶ From left: Matt Gibson, Jamey Robinson and Chris Powell are Buffalo Stance.

Jamey Robinson's latest project, Buffalo Stance, is his 'indescribable' mix of avant-rock and indie energy

For as long as he can remember, Jamey Robinson has been straddling a fence between indie rocker and avant-garde composer. And he's happy to stay atop it, so long as the powers that be, on both sides, support his work.

Over the years, his Philly-based collaborations — Need New Body, Man Man and Buffalo Stance — have toured indie venues and festivals worldwide. But major grants are almost all on the fine art side of that fence, like the prestigious Pew Fellowship he received in 2007.

"I don't actually listen to modern indie rock. It's just kind of how things happened," explains Robinson, from his studio in the Mantua section of Philadelphia.

Robinson's current project, Buffalo Stance, will play Johnny Brenda's on Sunday. Stance leans toward a danceable brew of '70s soul and experimental synth compositions.

"It's kind of a soul-electronic hybrid," he explains, but quickly recoils at the statement. "I can't believe I just said that. I'm floundering here. In this industry, everybody's supposed to have their tag ready to go, but I always find it indescribable."

But, perhaps this tag-less, curious quality is precisely what led to Robinson's recent success. "I grew up on MTV and pop music, but I've always had a voracious appetite to know what was behind that music," says Robinson. "Who did they listen to? Where did that kernel of humanity come from?"

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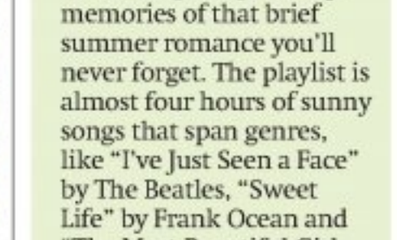
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When with Rome

Singer starts a solo career with 'Dedication,' but he says his true dedication will always be to Sublime

What's it going to be? Rome? Rome Ramirez? Rome Without Sublime? The latter-day singer for the So-Cal ska-punk veterans just released his solo debut, the "Dedication" EP, but what to call his new band?

"How about just The Incredibly Handsome Rome," Ramirez jokes. "[People will think] 'We need to check out this incredibly handsome boy!'"

He laughs before continuing more seriously.

"I have my best friends that I've grown up with playing music on stage with me in the band," he says of his solo project, which will likely be named Rome. "It's awesome: Now I get the chance to pass the torch down to my friends. It's the most beautiful gift to be able to offer someone an opportunity."

"Sublime will always be my main priority. I'll do my album around that. I don't want to rush this."
ROME RAMIREZ

He should know, because that's what Sublime did for him.

"They took me around the world, introduced me to amazing people and showed me great things," he says. "I had all this built-up inspiration."

Ramirez will follow with a full-length record, but for now, he and Sublime co-founder, bassist Eric Wilson, are concentrating on promoting last year's Sublime with Rome debut album, "Yours Truly."

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▶ Lovin' is what they've got: Rome Ramirez, left, and Eric Wilson.

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Sublime's original drummer, Bud Gaugh, opted out after recording the album; Josh Freese (who has played with everyone from Guns N' Roses to Devo) is behind the kit for now.

"Sublime will always be my main priority," adds Ramirez. "I'll do my album around that. I don't want to rush this; it will be how I want it, when I want it. Time is on my side."

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Golic predicts Birds will go far, in town to fight diabetes

Former Eagle turned ESPN analyst changed lifestyle
Likes Birds chances in '12 Sees improved defense

Not going to the doctor is a normal thing for guys. Males, especially former professional athletes, don't see a need for it as long as they feel healthy.

So it took a nudge from his wife, Christine, for Mike Golic to go for a routine checkup. That one visit has turned out to be a life-changing moment for the 48-year-old Golic, who was diagnosed with type 2 diabetes six years ago.

"I went one time and I was way overweight, and my father [former NFL star Bob Golic] was a type 2 diabetic, and I was diagnosed with it, so it was still a bit of a shock to my system," said Golic.

Golic, co-host of ESPN's "Mike and Mike in the Morning" show, spoke to a small group dealing with diabetes Thursday at City Fitness on 21st and South Street.

The former Eagles defensive tackle has teamed up with the American College of Endocrinology and Merck to launch Bloodsugarbasics.com, a step-by-step program. Golic is on a mission to raise awareness for the disease, which claims 26 million Americans.

"I had to really change my lifestyle overall, whether I had it or not, and this was kind of a rude awakening to do it, and I had no one to blame but myself," Golic said.

The first thing he changed was the way he ate. Golic was tipping the scales at 315 pounds before he was diagnosed, but he's down to about 265. The "rude awakening" has also forced him to think about his two sons, Mike Jr. and Jake, who play football at Notre Dame.

"Could they be predisposed to it?" Golic said. "Could they be putting themselves in a position where they're going to have to deal with it? So they need to be educated, too."

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▶ Golic dropped 50 pounds after learning he had type 2 diabetes.

ESPN host says 'Vick is going to be Vick'

When asked for a prediction on the 2012 Eagles, Golic's face lit up. He's watched the preseason games, including last week's sideline blowup between Andy Reid and Cullen Jenkins, and he really likes what he's seen.

"I don't look at scores in preseason, I look at things in preseason."

He cited an improved defense, with Fletcher Cox and DeMeco Ryans clogging the middle, along with a superior edge rush featuring Jason Babin and Trent Cole, for his optimism. Offensively, it all depends on the offensive line and the health of Mike Vick.

"The O-line can be a concern, but you got great offensive talent and Vick is going to be Vick," he said. "He's going to run and do what he does and sometimes you're going to have to hold your breath."

Golic wouldn't give a number of wins, but he expects the Birds to go deep into the postseason.

"I'm going to predict them to go far, I really am," Golic said. "I like the talent."

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Ref it out

Goodell says refs 'credible'

The early reviews for the NFL replacement refs haven't been good. Still, commish Roger Goodell gave them a nice vote of confidence.

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▶ Fletcher Cox

Here is what we'll be watching Friday (7:30 p.m., 6ABC) when the Eagles take on Cleveland:

1 THE NICK FOLES SHOW
The rookie sensation (after listening to sports radio all week, the term fits) will play the first quarter and possibly the second. It will mark the first time he's up against a first-team defense. Foles has looked great — accurate, strong arm, surprisingly mobile — in his two previous outings, but they came against guys just trying to make teams. The third-round pick can all but lock up his spot as Mike Vick's backup here.

2 NICKEL AND DIMERS
As advertised, this has been one of the most heated battles at camp: veteran corner Joselio Hanson vs. rookie Brandon Boykin. In last week's win over New England, Boykin got the majority of reps as the team's nickel corner. If that trend continues Friday night, expect the fourth-rounder to be the Eagles' third cornerback.

Boykin will make the team no matter what — he's too valuable as a kick returner and as a gunner on special teams — but Hanson? Well, the Eagles cut him last September, only to re-sign him a few days later.

3 FLETCH IT OUT
The defensive starters are expected to play the first quarter following a disappointing (undisciplined, with 16 penalties) showing last week. First-round pick Fletcher Cox has yet to record a sack this preseason, registering just two tackles in two games.

We're not going to read too much into preseason stats. But it would be nice to see Cox get one here to give him a little confidence going into the opener. His biggest highlight to date was a roughing-the-passer call on third down, which kept a drive alive.

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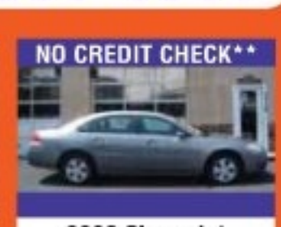
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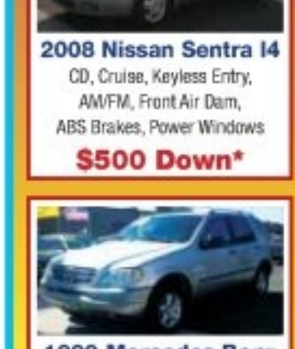
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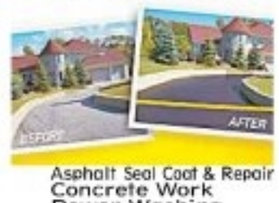

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